

of Law, a decision was taken in 1967 that the tenure of licence of M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. and M/s. Higginbothams Ltd. would be nine years with effect from 01.01.1967. Tenure of other bookstall licences was fixed as five years. This is in conformity with the provision of article 19(1) (G) of the Constitution of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Stopping of Shatabdi/Swarn shatabdi Trains at Sirhind

2899. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum/representation from some Members of Parliament for the stoppage of Shatabdi/Swarn Shatabdi trains at Sirhind railway station in Punjab;

(b) if so, when the memorandum was received;

(c) whether any decision has since been taken on the request of MPs; and

(d) if not, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A joint representation was received from Sardar Gurcharan Singh Tohra and 3 other Members of Parliament.

(b) It was received on 23.12.1999

(c) Yes, sir. A letter explaining detailed position has already been sent to Sardar Gurcharan Singh Tohra on 07.02.2000

(d) Does not arise

Digha-Sonpur Rail Line

†2900. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for Digha- Sonpur rail line in Bihar is pending;

(b) whether any survey for this rail line has been conducted;

(c) if so, by when the work on this line is likely to be initiated; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.